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PISS ON HIM?!

YOU'RE **SERIOUS**, AREN'T YOU?

YOU COULD TRY A **LITTLE** HARDER TO HIDE YOUR DISDAIN FOR ME, DWIGHT. BUT I GET IT. WE'VE GOT A HISTORY...

...AND I'M TOO GODDAMN MOTHERFUCKING HAPPY ABOUT HOW WELL THINGS ARE GOING TO GET ANGRY WITH YOU.



BUT SERIOUSLY, THERE'S **NOTHING** WEIRD ABOUT WANTING TO PISS ALL OVER RICK GRIMES'S DEAD BLOATED BODY.

HE RUINED **EVERYTHING**. EVERY **MOTHERFUCKING** THING. IT'D BE WEIRD IF I DIDN'T PISS ALL OVER HIM.



WISH I WAS THERE TO SEE HIM, SWEATING THROUGH HIS SHIRT... EYES SINKING BACK INTO HIS SKULL.

LITTLE CARL... CRYING HIS EXPOSED EYE SOCKET OUT--

SIR, GOT A REPORT FROM THE SCOUTS.



THERE'S A VEHICLE APPROACHING THE HILLTOP. THAT GUY YOU BROUGHT IN, THE BULLET MAKER... HE'S DRIVING.

AND, SIR... **CARSON** IS WITH HIM.



YOU KNOW WHAT? WHO **FUCKING** CARES?

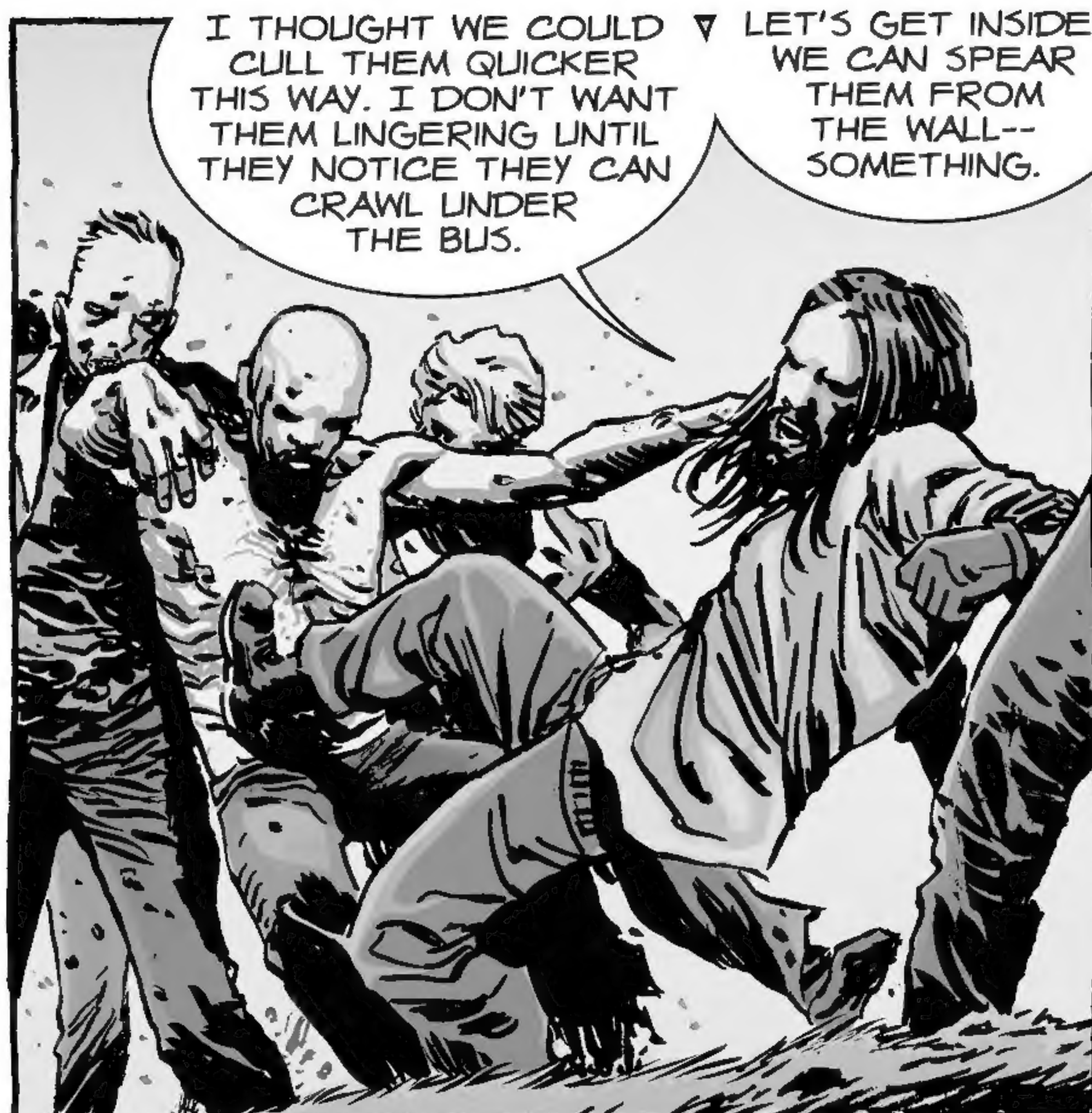
WE'LL GET THEM BACK SOON ENOUGH.



OKAY--THIS
ESCALATED
QUICKLY!



WE NEED TO BE
FIGHTING OUR WAY
BACK INSIDE--
THERE'S TOO MANY
OF THEM!



I THOUGHT WE COULD
CULL THEM QUICKER
THIS WAY. I DON'T WANT
THEM LINGERING UNTIL
THEY NOTICE THEY CAN
CRAWL UNDER
THE BUS.

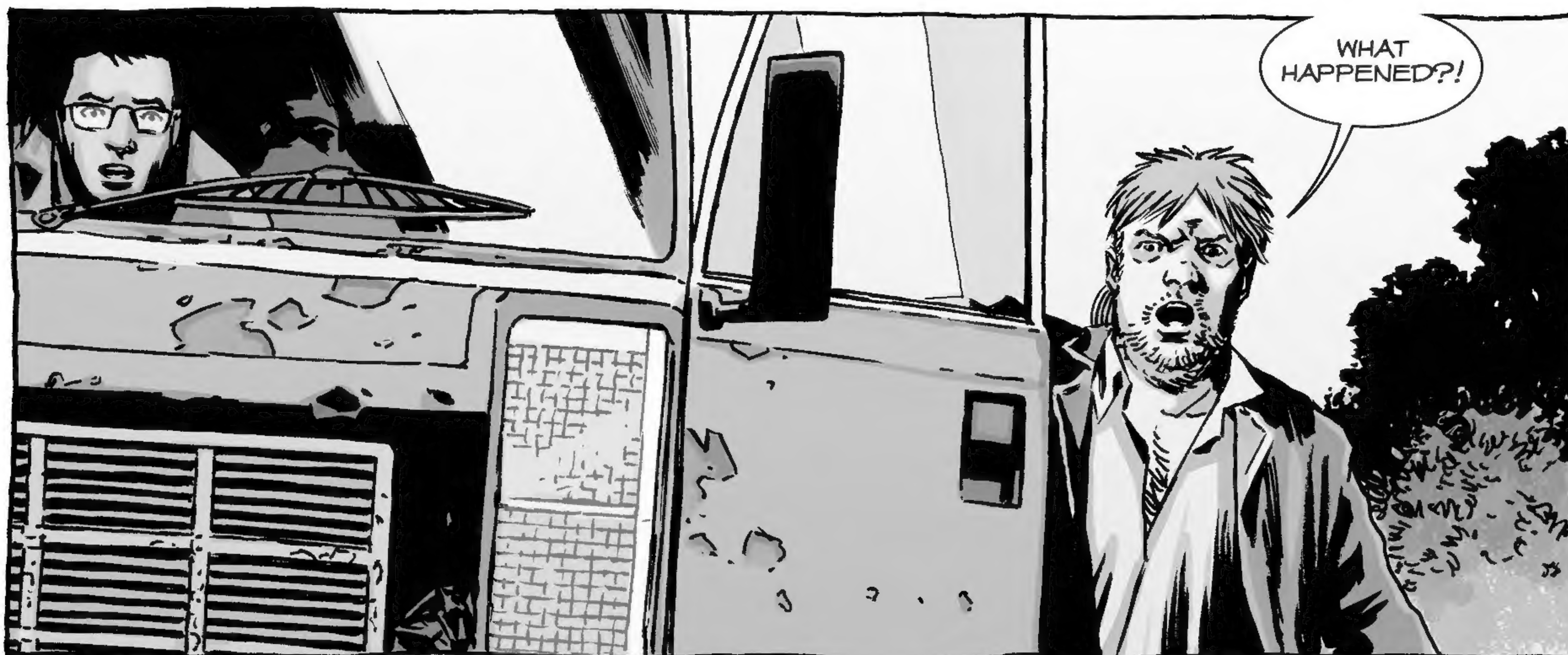
LET'S GET INSIDE.
WE CAN SPEAR
THEM FROM
THE WALL--
SOMETHING.

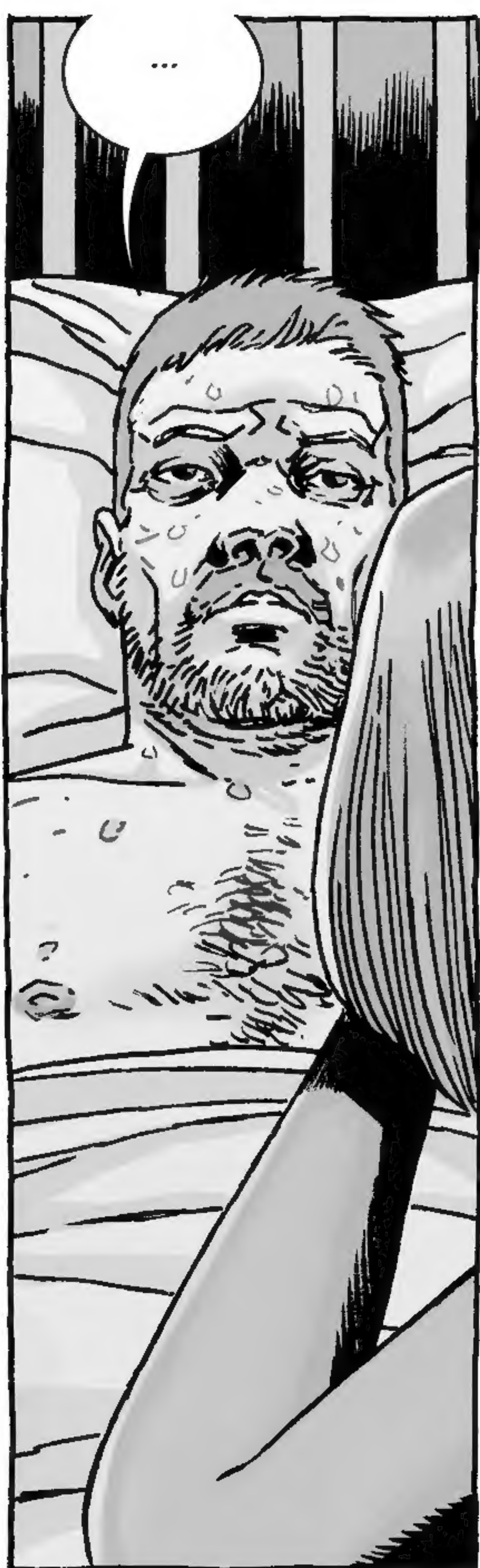


WHUP!

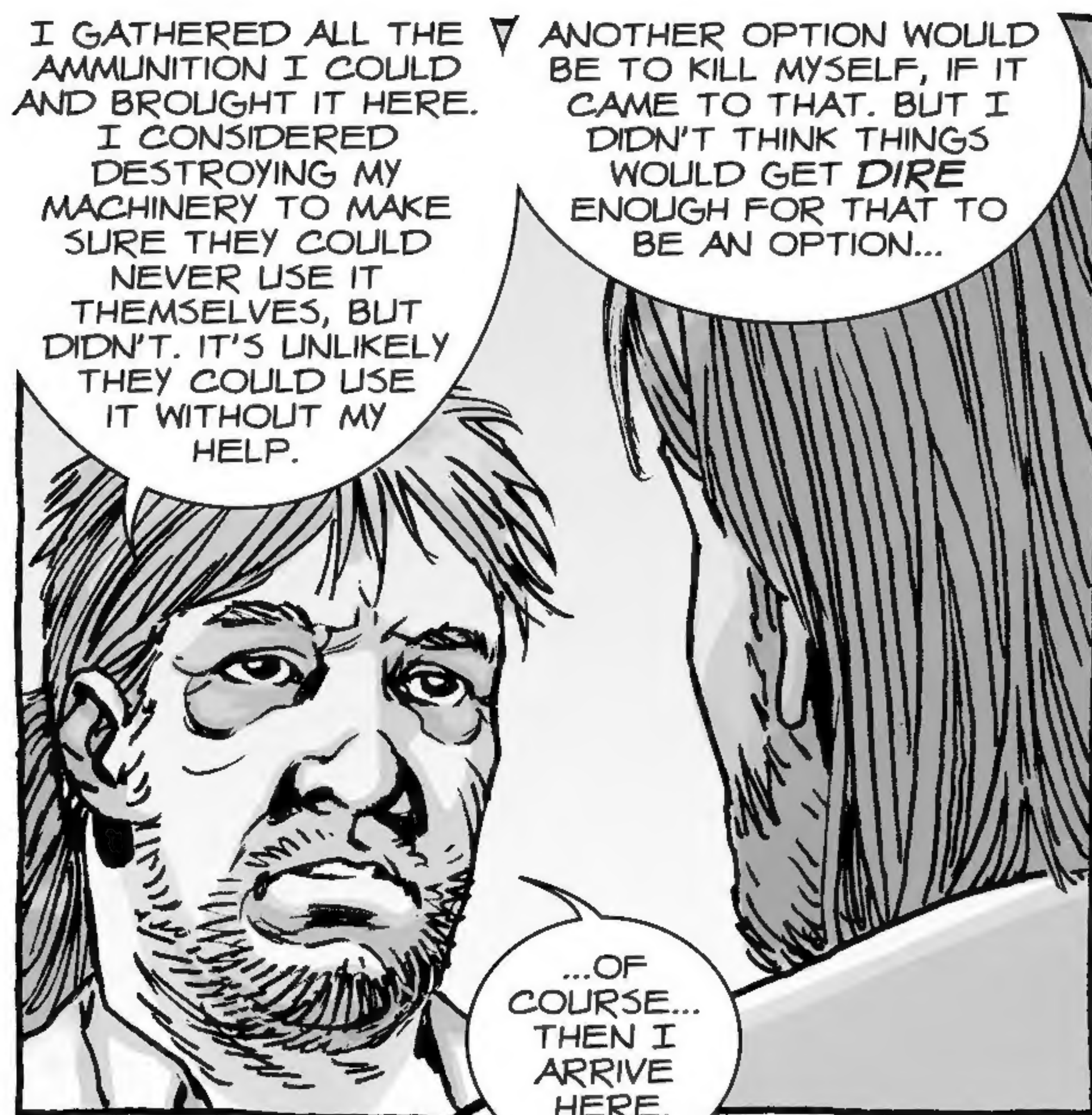
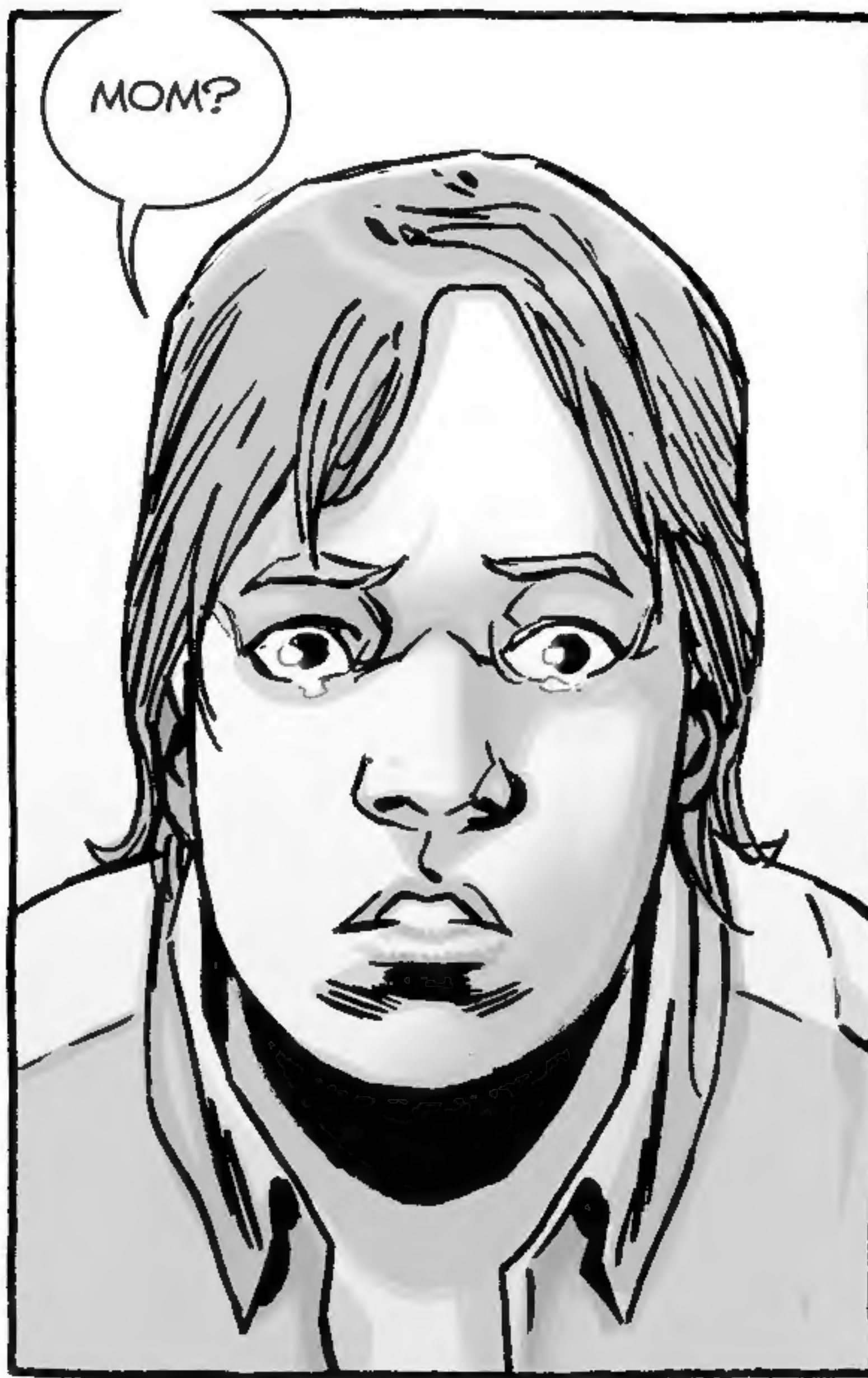


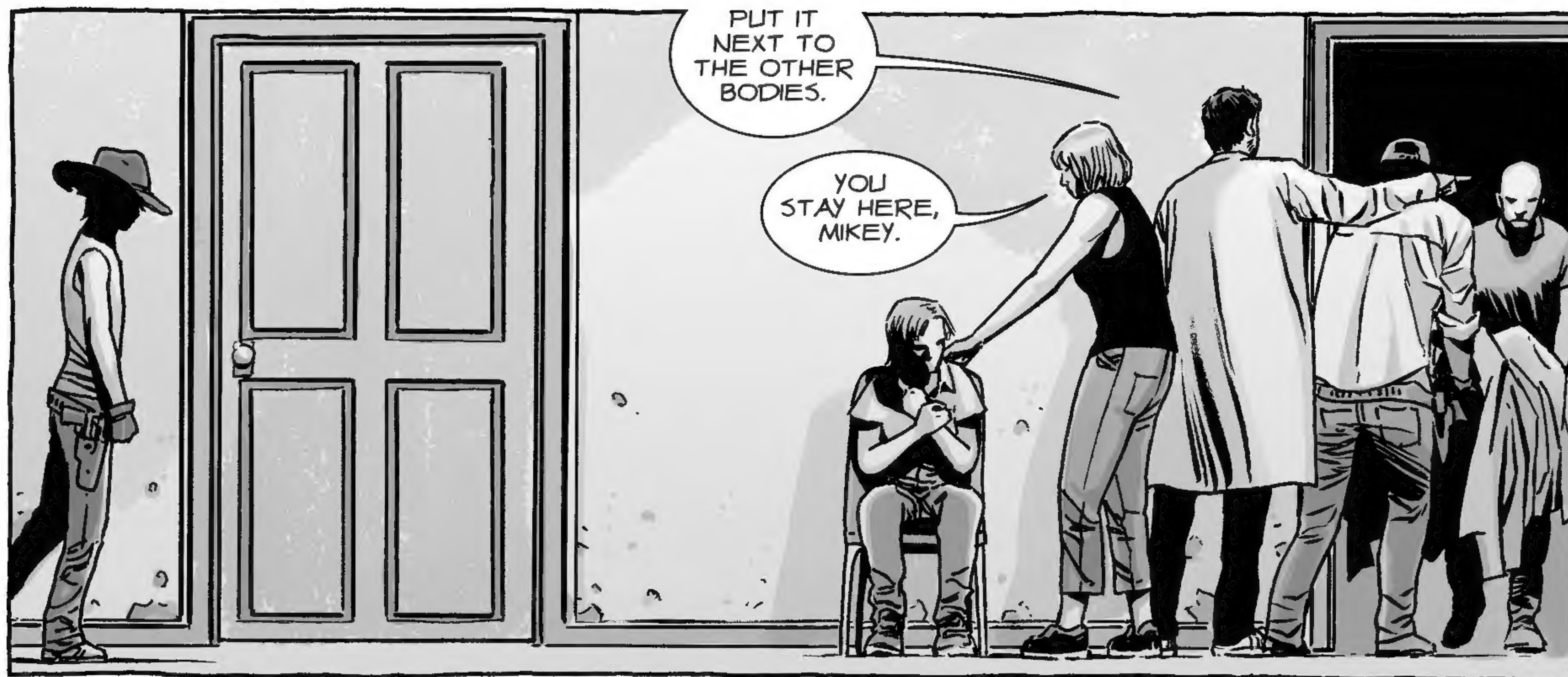
OKAY--
THEY'RE
FOLLOWING ME!
GET UNDER
THE BUS
BEFORE THEY
NOTICE YOU
AGAIN!

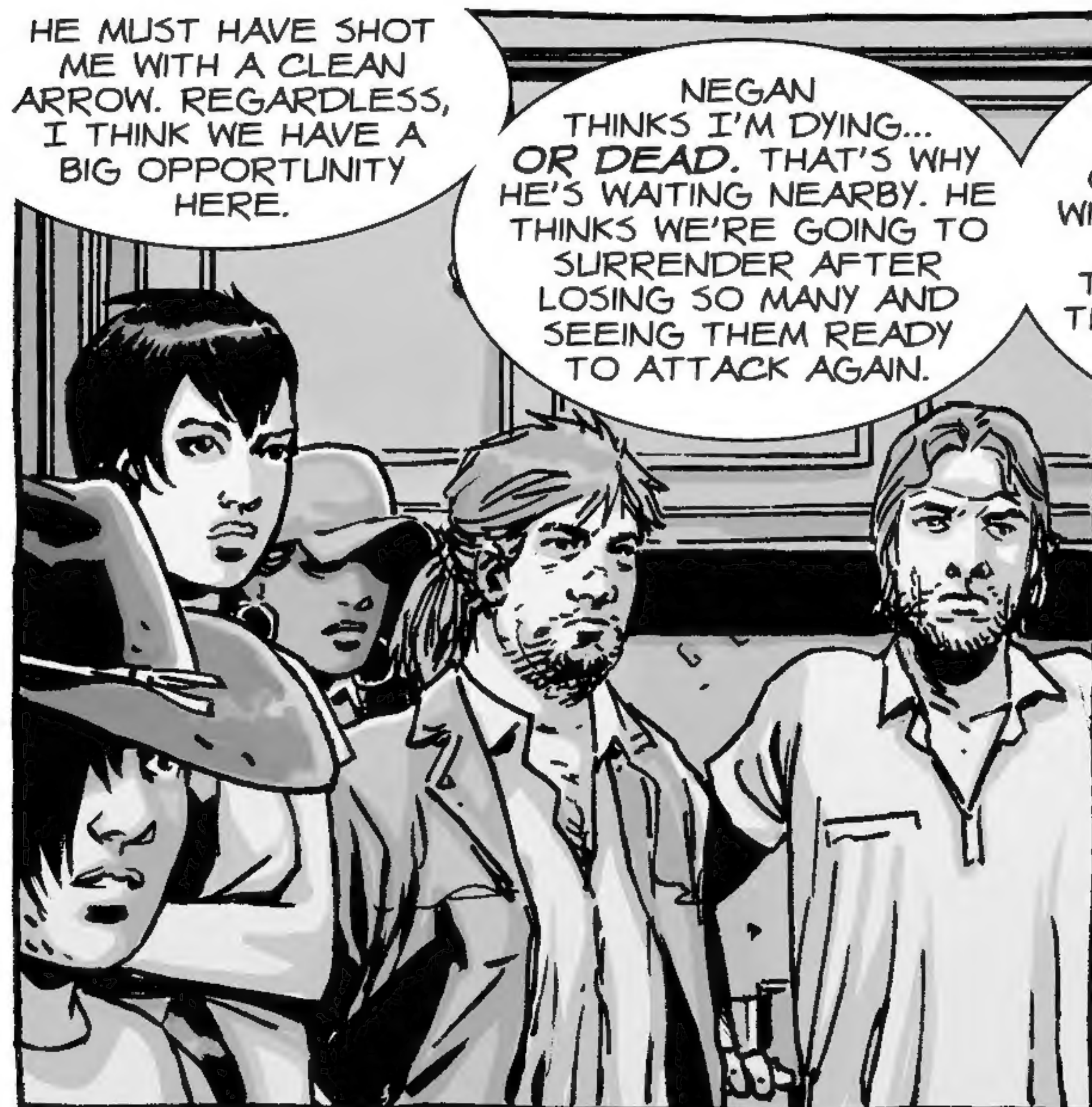
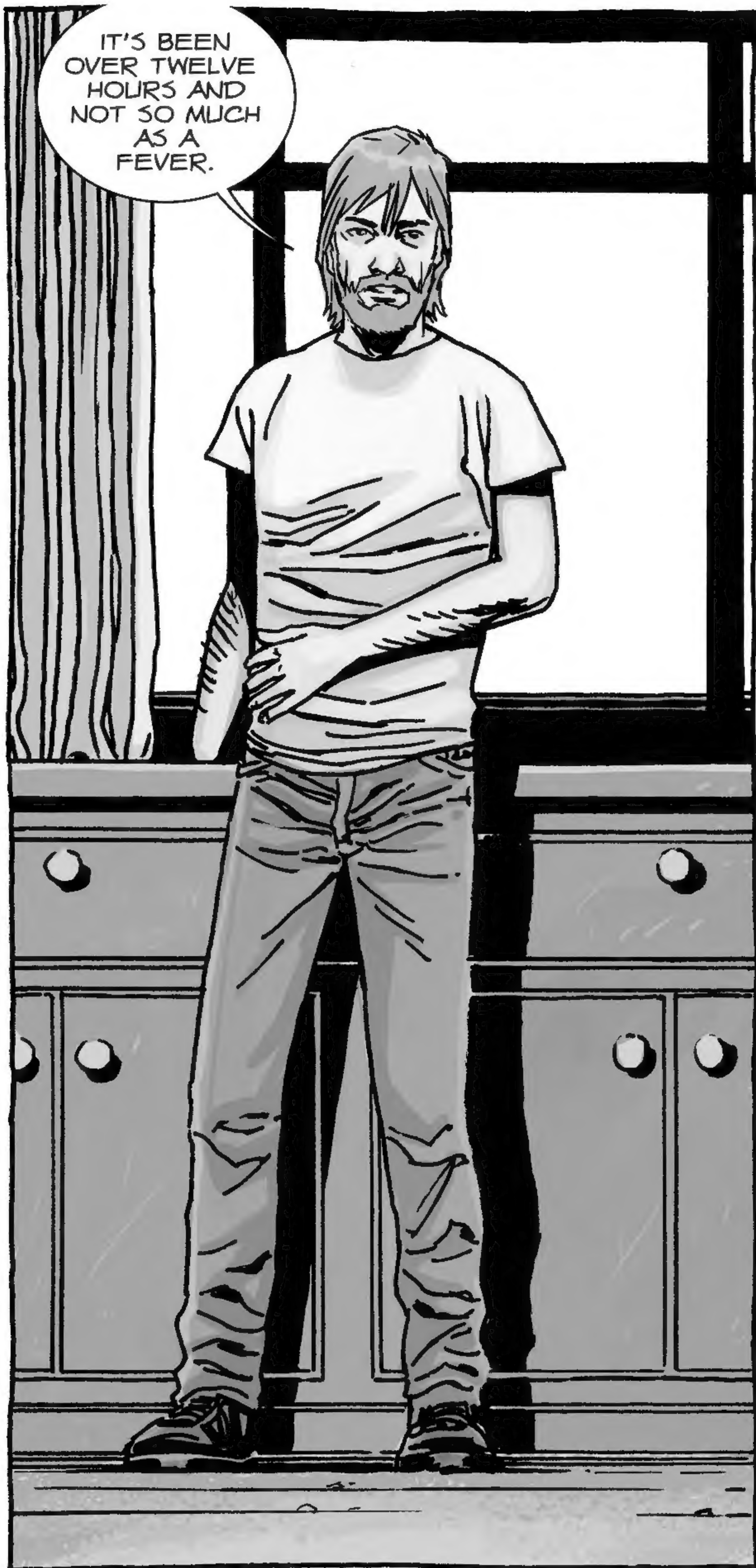




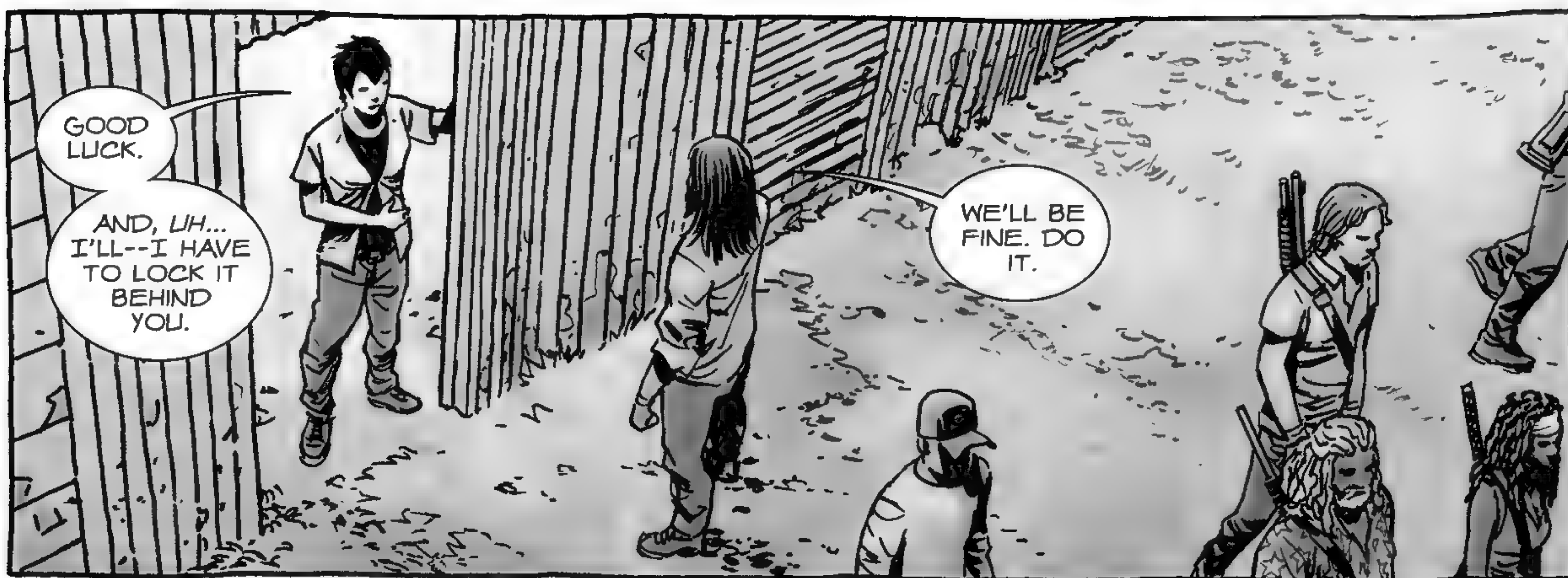














PEOPLE ARE STILL FRAZZLED, BUT THEY'RE CALMING DOWN.

WELL, NOT CALMING DOWN... BUT THEY'RE NOT PISSING THEMSELVES LIKE THEY WERE. STILL A FEW LOCKED IN THEIR TRAILERS REFUSING TO LEAVE.

CAN'T BLAME THEM.



NELL AND HER SON NEARLY HAD A CAR DRIVE THROUGH THEIR PLACE--MISSED THEM BY A FEW FEET.

STILL THEY WON'T COME OUT.



HOPEFULLY THEY WON'T NEED TO.

I'M NOT GOING TO BEGRUDGE PEOPLE FOR BEING SCARED. HELL, I'M SCARED, YOU'RE SCARED.

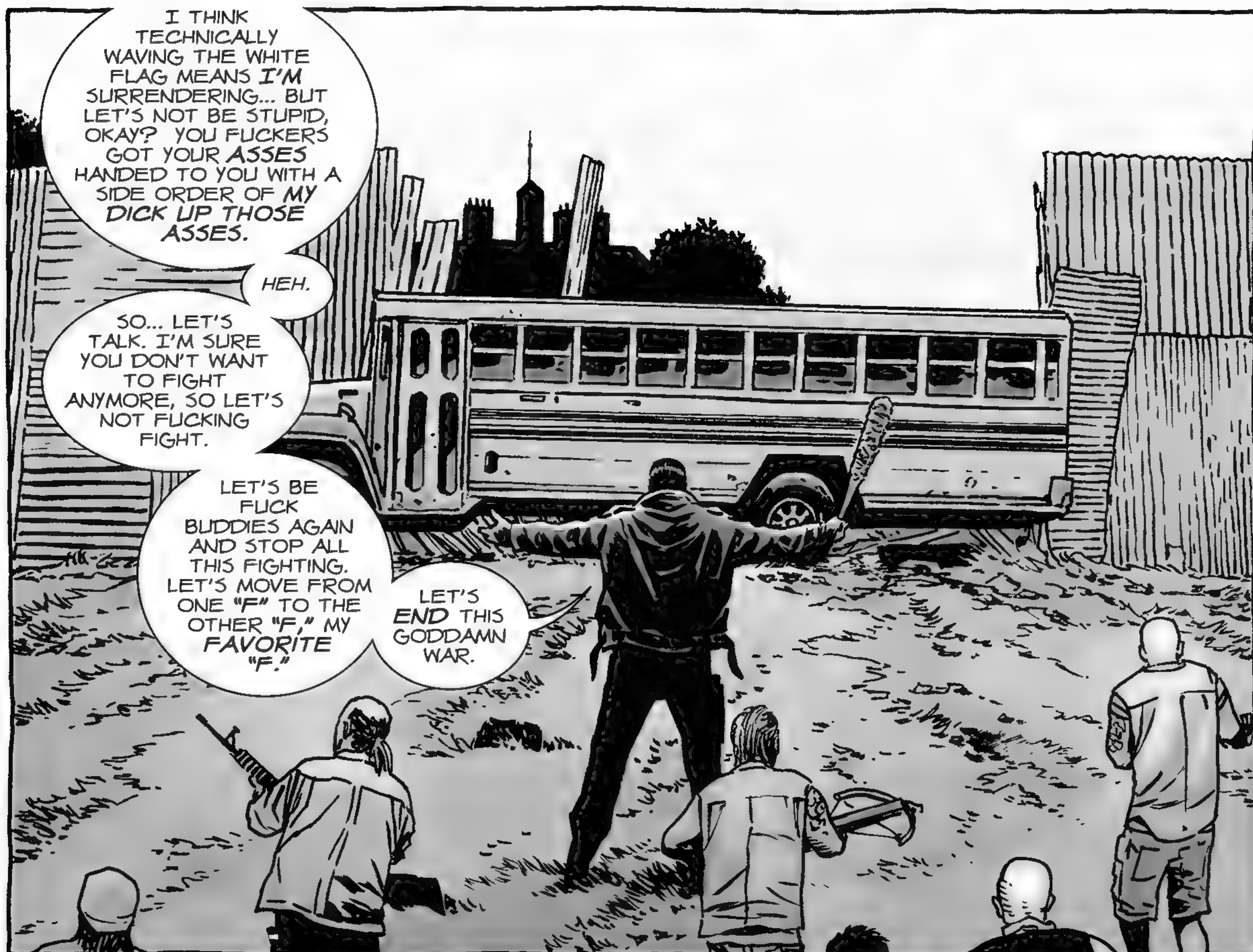


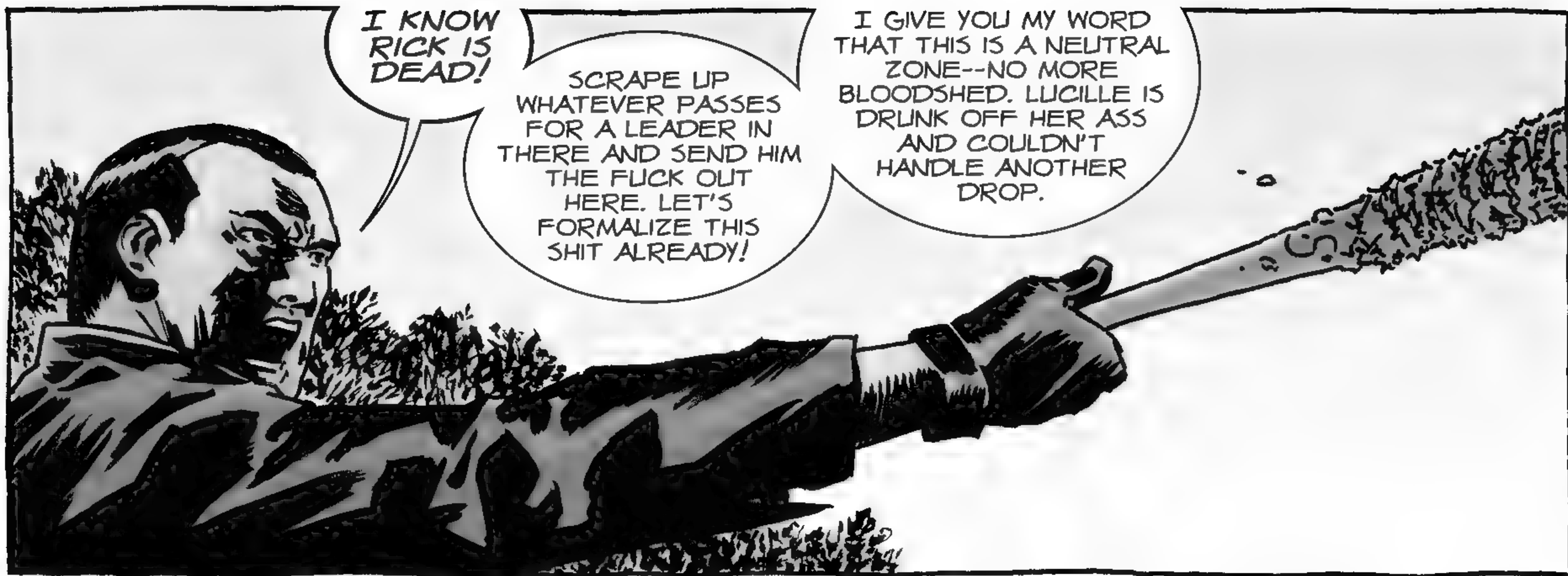
YEAH, BUT WE DON'T HAVE OUR HEADS UP OUR ASSES SAYING, "THE REST OF THESE PEOPLE BE DAMNED, I'M HIDING."

THAT'S JUST--



BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!





I KNOW
RICK IS
DEAD!

SCRAPE UP
WHATEVER PASSES
FOR A LEADER IN
THERE AND SEND HIM
THE FUCK OUT
HERE. LET'S
FORMALIZE THIS
SHIT ALREADY!

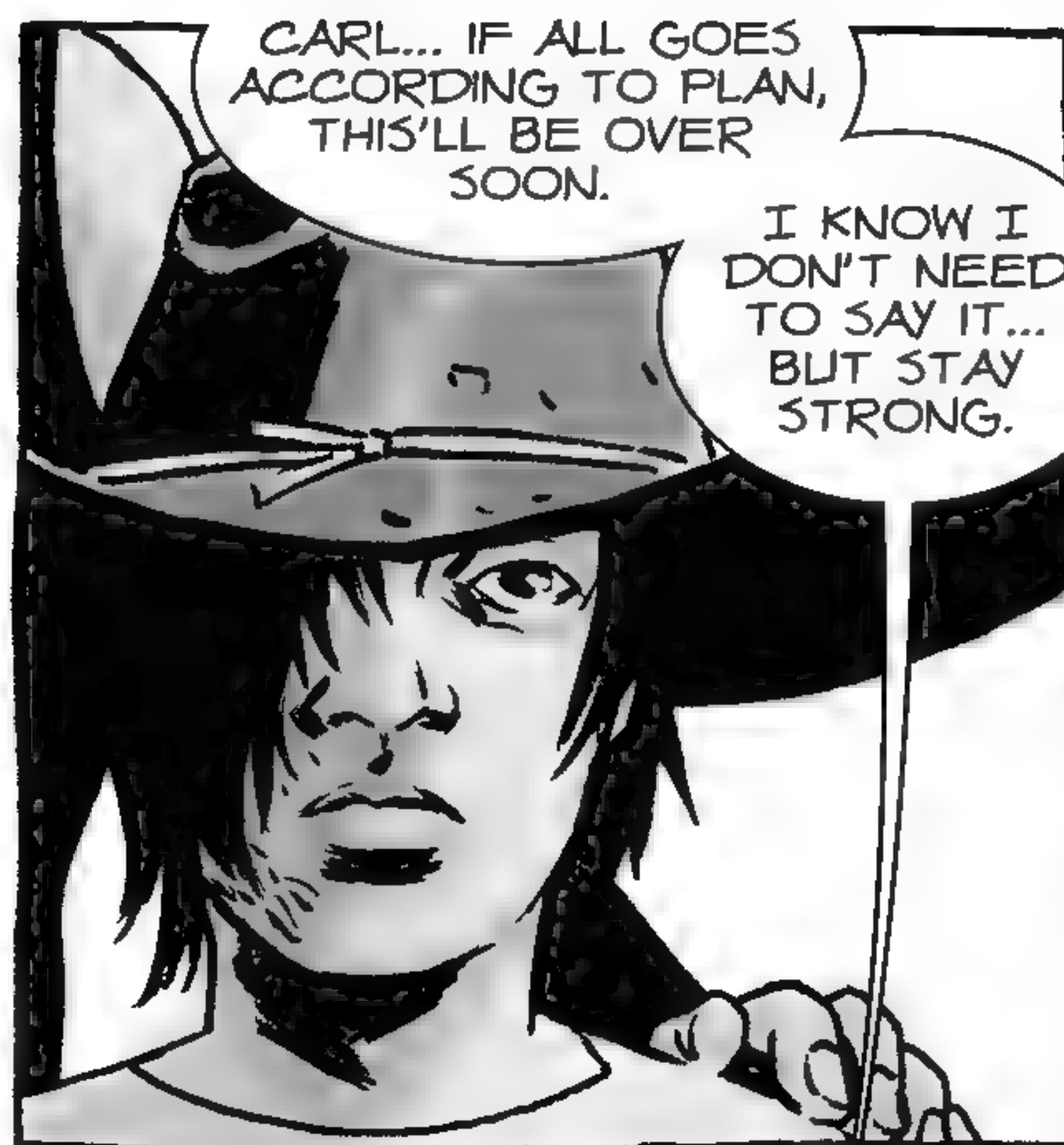
I GIVE YOU MY WORD
THAT THIS IS A NEUTRAL
ZONE--NO MORE
BLOODSHED. LUCILLE IS
DRUNK OFF HER ASS
AND COULDN'T
HANDLE ANOTHER
DROP.

JUST ME... DON'T
LET ANYONE ELSE
OUT. NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS,
NO MATTER HOW
BAD THINGS
GET.

JUST LET ME HANDLE IT...
AND TRUST THAT JESUS
AND THE REST WILL BE
WATCHING AND WILL
MOVE IN WHEN THE
TIME IS RIGHT.



ANDREA... JUST SIT
TIGHT, I DON'T WANT
YOU ON THE WALL GETTING
SPOTTED. LET IT PLAY
OUT... BUT BE READY
TO MOVE INTO POSITION.



CARL... IF ALL GOES
ACCORDING TO PLAN,
THIS'LL BE OVER
SOON.

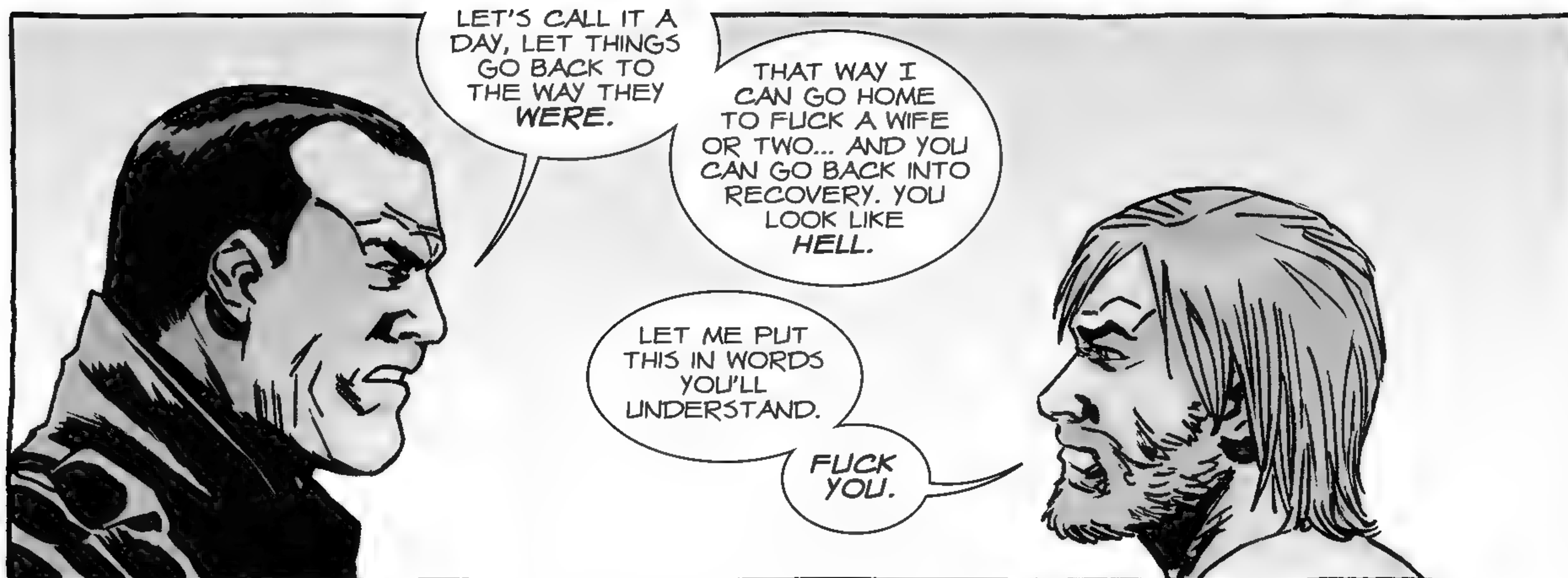
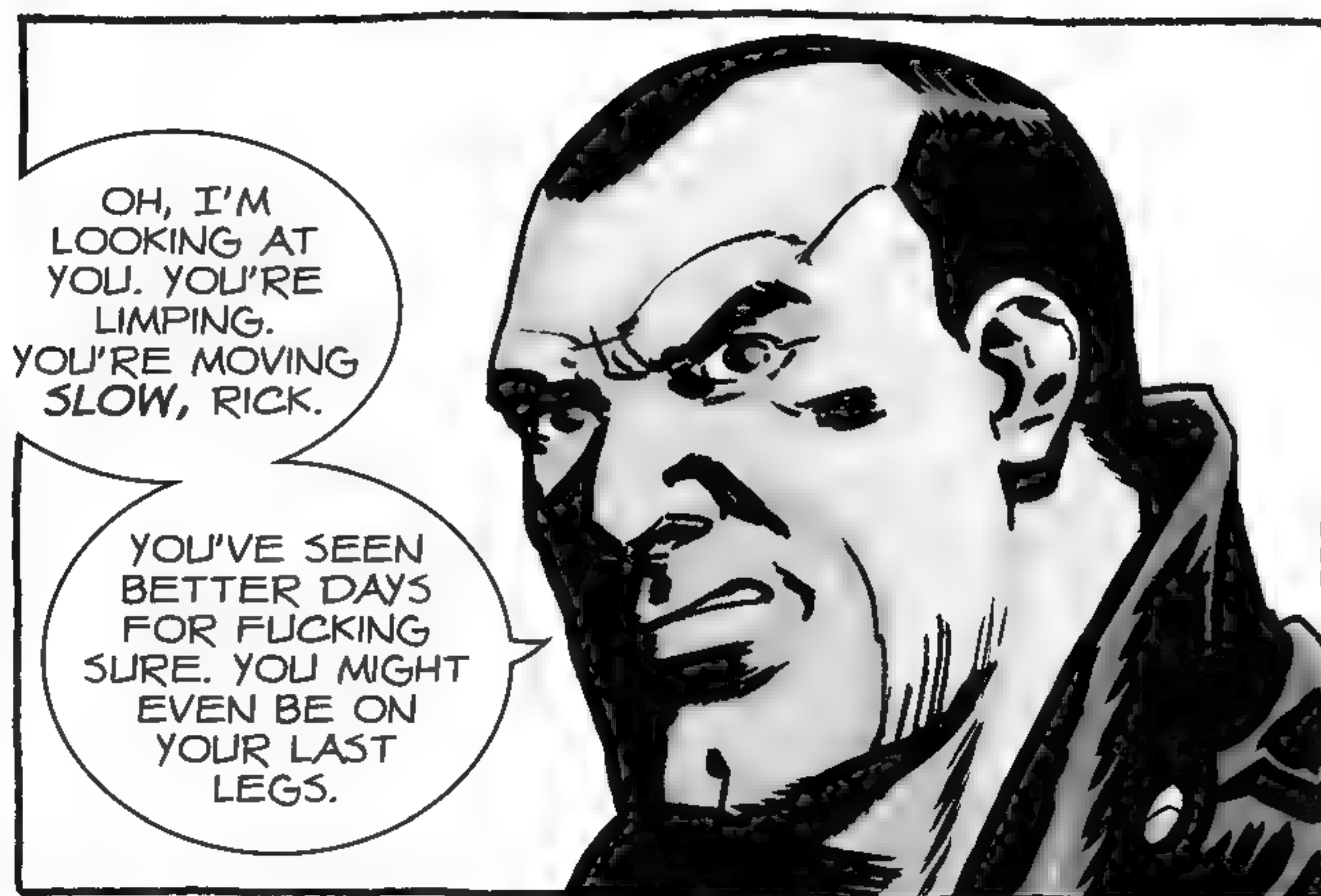
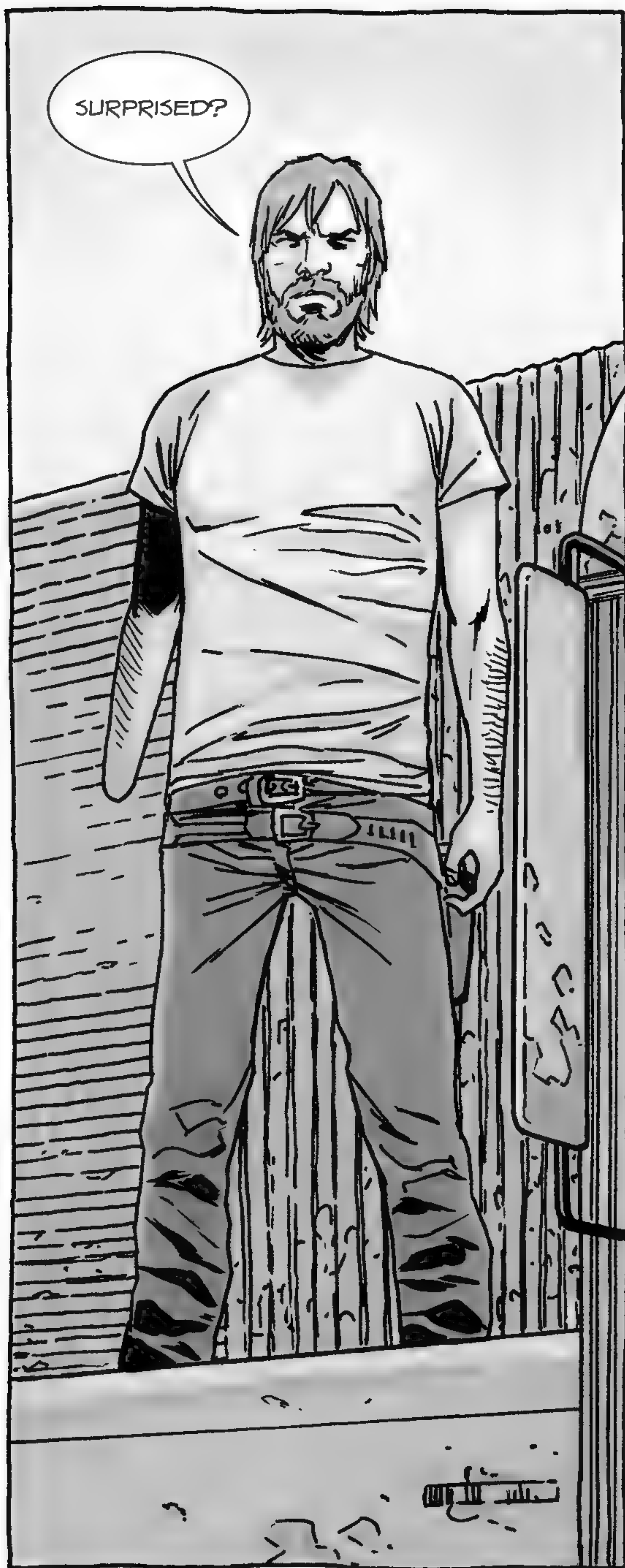
I KNOW I
DON'T NEED
TO SAY IT...
BUT STAY
STRONG.



COME ON,
PEOPLE.
DON'T BE SUCH
FUCKING
COWARDS.

WE DON'T
WANT TO HAVE
TO COME IN
THERE, BUT WE
SURE AS FUCK
WILL IF YOU
MAKE US.

I'LL--





I WANT TO
LET YOU IN ON
A LITTLE
SECRET.

I DON'T
REALLY
ENJOY
KILLING.

YOUR
LITTLE ASIAN
FRIEND... SURE IT
WAS... **NEAT** ONCE
I STARTED--BUT I
NEVER WANTED TO
DO THAT. YOU
MADE ME
DO IT.



DON'T
MAKE ME
DO IT
AGAIN.



I WANT TO
LET YOU IN
ON A LITTLE
SECRET.

YOU MUST
BE THE
ABSOLUTE
STUPIDEST
FLUCKING PERSON
STILL ALIVE.



WHAT?



YOU WANT
TO END THIS?
LET'S **END**
THIS.

SMARTEN
THE FUCK UP
AND LET'S DO
THIS RIGHT.
**LET'S WORK
TOGETHER.**

I DON'T
FOLLOW.

YOU PROPOSING WE
HOLD HANDS AND SING
SONGS? YOU'RE REALLY
GOING THERE? YOU'RE
WORSE OFF THAN I
THOUGHT.



I'M PROPOSING YOU STOP
FUCKING EVERYTHING UP
SO THAT WE CAN
ALL LIVE.



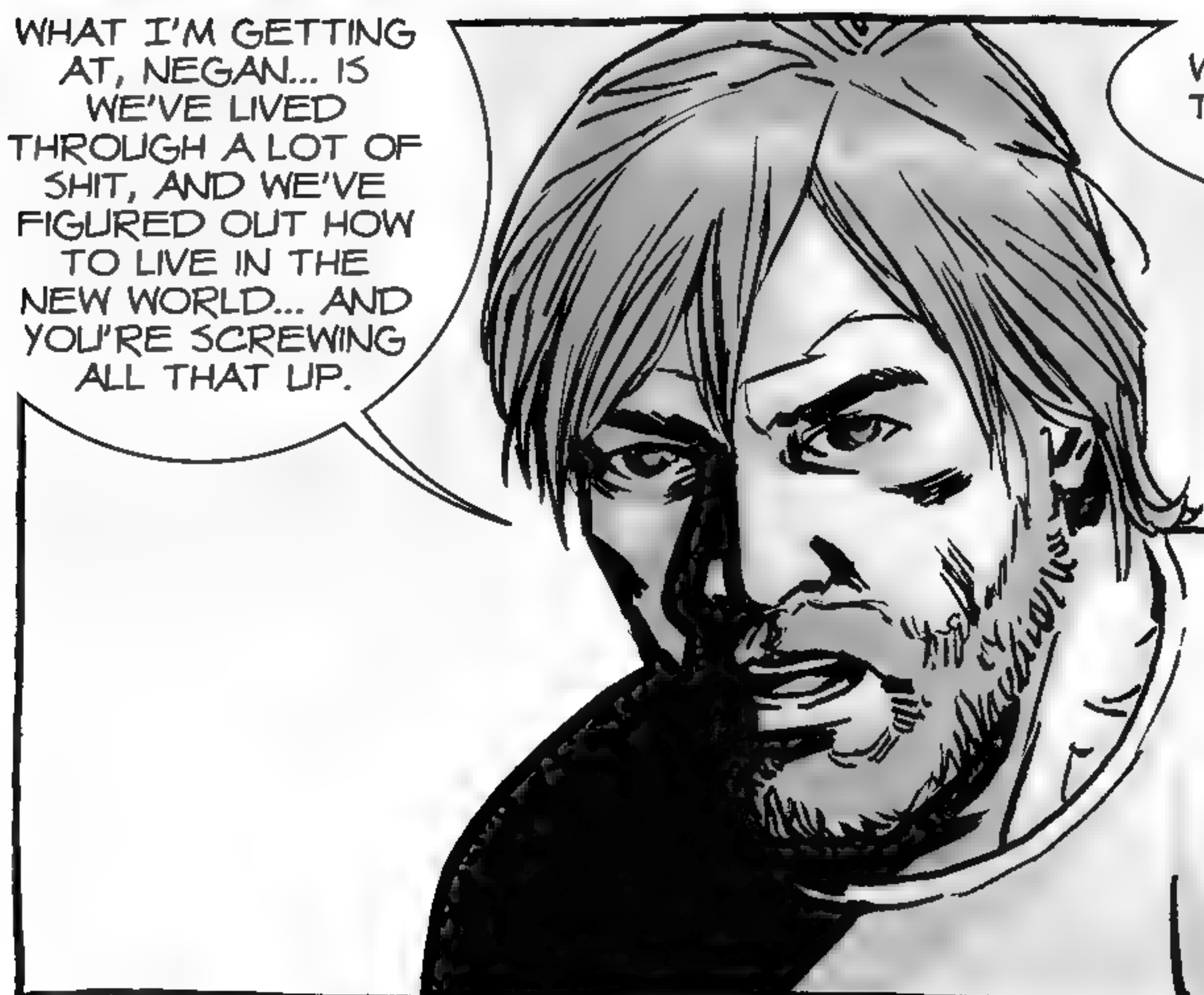
WHAT THE
FUCK ARE YOU
FIGHTING
FOR?

WE'RE FIGHTING
A FUCKING PSYCHO
WHO THREATENS
TO KILL US IF WE
DON'T GIVE
HIM HALF OUR
SHIT.



WE'RE FIGHTING
FOR A PEACEFUL WAY
OF LIFE--AFTER
SURVIVING A WHOLE LOT
OF NOT PEACEFUL TIMES.

WHAT I'M GETTING
AT, NEGAN... IS
WE'VE LIVED
THROUGH A LOT OF
SHIT, AND WE'VE
FIGURED OUT HOW
TO LIVE IN THE
NEW WORLD... AND
YOU'RE SCREWING
ALL THAT UP.



THE DEAD ARE A PROBLEM... BUT WE'VE
WRAPPED OUR HEADS AROUND THAT PROBLEM.
THEY'LL ALWAYS BE A DANGER... THEY'LL ALWAYS
BE THERE... AND WE'RE CAPABLE OF DEALING
WITH THAT... LONG TERM.

NOW ALL
WE HAVE
TO WORRY
ABOUT...
IS YOU.





SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR. A WORLD WITHOUT NEGAN.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?



OKAY... I'LL PLAY YOUR LITTLE GAME.

YOU WANT TO TALK THROUGH THIS... THAT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER? SURE. LET'S FUCKING DO IT.



FRANKLY... I'VE JUST BEEN DEFENDING MYSELF FROM A BUNCH OF UNGRATEFUL FUCKS MOST OF THE TIME.

BUT MOSTLY, I'M TRYING TO RESTORE ORDER... GET THINGS BACK TO WHERE THEY WERE BEFORE YOU CAME ALONG AND FUCKED EVERYTHING UP.

YOU SEE... I KNOW WHAT IT TAKES FOR PEOPLE TO SURVIVE... AND IT'S SOMEONE LIKE ME. SOMEONE TO KEEP EVERYONE IN LINE, TO KEEP EVERYONE PREOCCUPIED SO THEY'RE NOT FOCUSED ON HOW GODDAMN MISERABLE THEY ARE.

I'M SAVING LIVES.



YOU'RE JUST STUPID ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THAT, AREN'T YOU?

CAN I REMIND YOU OF SOMETHING YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN? WE HAVE THE WHOLE GODDAMN WORLD TO SHARE.

THERE'S JUST NOT THAT MANY PEOPLE LEFT. THERE'S NO REASON WE SHOULD BE FIGHTING.

WE HAVE A COMMON ENEMY... Y'KNOW, THE ONE THAT COMES IN AND KILLS US IN THE DOWNTIME BETWEEN KILLING EACH OTHER.

WHAT WE'RE DOING... THAT'S HELPING THEM WIN. WE DO THIS LONG ENOUGH... AND NEITHER ONE OF US WIN.



SO HERE'S MY NEW IDEA. YOU WANT HALF OUR SHIT? FINE.

MAKE US SOME BLANKETS. BRING US TOOLS. SIPHON GASOLINE FOR US. GATHER UP CLOTH FOR US TO MAKE NEW CLOTHES--OR JUST MAKE NEW CLOTHES AND GIVE THOSE TO US.



DO SOMETHING PRODUCTIVE.

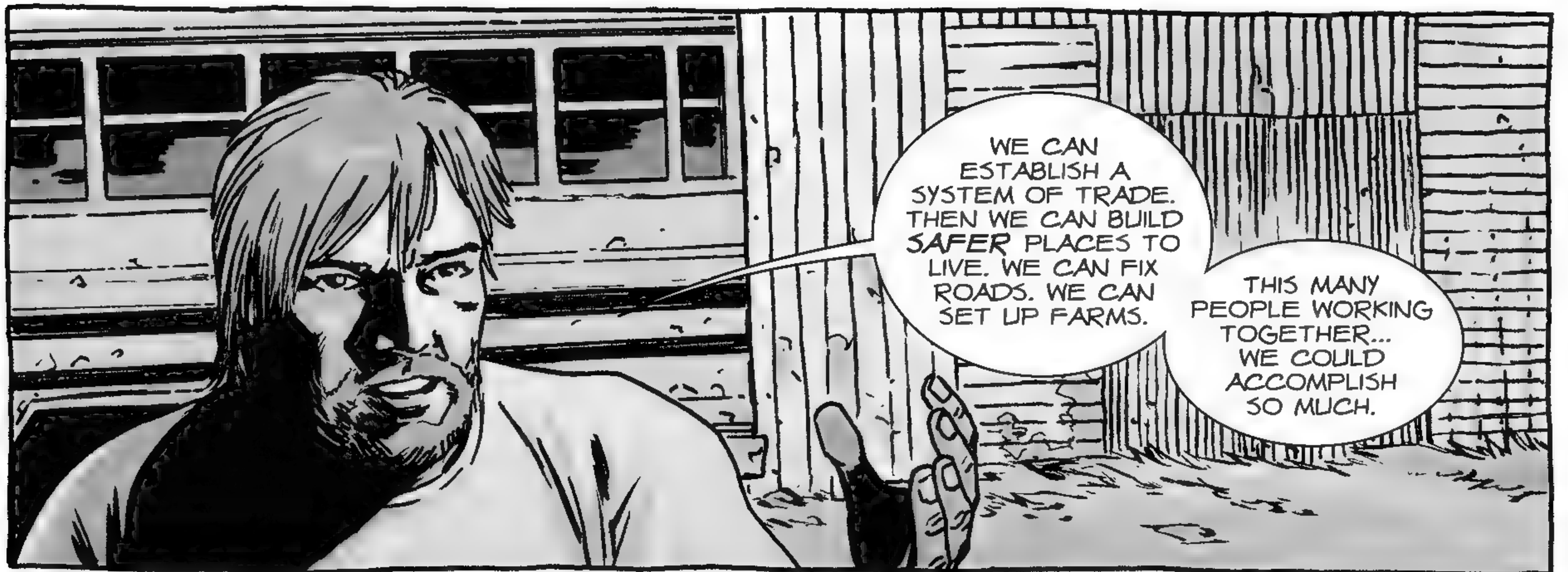




DO YOU NOT
REALIZE WHAT
WE HAVE HERE?
WHAT WE'VE
ALREADY
BUILT?

THE POTENTIAL
OF WHAT WE HAVE
HERE... IS ALMOST
LIMITLESS.

WE HAVE A
LOT OF PEOPLE
BETWEEN US.
PEOPLE WHO ARE
SMART AND CAPABLE,
WHO CAN DO AMAZING
THINGS... IF WE WORK
TOGETHER.



WE CAN
ESTABLISH A
SYSTEM OF TRADE.
THEN WE CAN BUILD
SAFER PLACES TO
LIVE. WE CAN FIX
ROADS. WE CAN
SET UP FARMS.

THIS MANY
PEOPLE WORKING
TOGETHER...
WE COULD
ACCOMPLISH
SO MUCH.



WE COULD
FIX IT ALL,
NEGAN... EVERYTHING.
WE MAY NEVER BE ABLE
TO GET THINGS
COMPLETELY BACK TO
THE WAY THEY WERE--
BUT WE CAN GET
DAMN CLOSE.

PEOPLE
CAN LIVE
THEIR LIVES,
CHILDREN CAN
GROW UP IN A SAFE
ENVIRONMENT. WE
COULD BE HAPPY...
ALL OF US.



WE COULD
REBUILD
CIVILIZATION...
MAYBE EVEN DO
A BETTER JOB
OF IT THIS
TIME.



FUCK.



FUCK.

FUCK.

FUCK.

FUCK.



WE COULD ESTABLISH A SAFE ZONE BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR TRAVEL... IF WE WORKED TOGETHER IT COULD BE EASILY MAINTAINED.

IF WE DIVIDED CERTAIN TASKS AMONG THE COMMUNITIES, THERE'S VERY LITTLE WE COULDN'T ACCOMPLISH. FOOD, SUPPLIES, CONSTRUCTION, SECURITY... IF WE DELEGATED AND COOPERATED IT COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING.

I'VE HAD IT ALL WRONG. I'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE A HUNGRY DOG, HOARDING SUPPLIES, PUSHING OTHERS AWAY... FOR SAFETY, FOR MY PEOPLE.



GODDAMN IT. I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT.



WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE TOGETHER... UNITED... SO MUCH THAT COULD BE CHANGED. YOU'RE SEEING THINGS MY WAY.

YES... YES, I AM.



SAAASH!

GOOD.

LETTER HACKS

WRITE TO US AT:

WALKINGDEAD@SKYBOUND.COM

Where does ALL OUT WAR go from here? Find out next issue! But now let's dive right into your reactions to Rick taking an arrow. Some of you weren't fooled, some of you were, and some of you are just acting straight up foolish.

They're called BOLTS, Sean. SHEESH.

You bastards! Whyyyyyy???? Why, Kirkman? Why??? Why. God damn it. Dwight! That mother fucker. Ugh. UGH. I hope that idiot gets his head caved in worse than Negan. Kirkman. Why. Why are you killing off Rick. Why. I love this comic so much.

Tony

We love that you love this comic so much. It'll be ok.

Breathe, Tony. Breathe.

Mr kirkman & co.

I'm left stunned at the end of #123. Rick had already lost his wife, baby, hand, and his son's eyeball. Can we give this guy a break? No. Let's have a zombie-infected arrow piece his back and protrude out the front. I'm just flabbergasted. And Dwight is definitely playing both sides. He needs to die. I can't wait to get the next issue.

victor

Give Rick a break? Preposterous!

Dear walking dead team,

Praise praise praise you guys rock blah blah blah so all out war has me checking my calendar every other day just to count down the days to it but I have a few problems with Dwight. This war could of been over SO long ago in issue 117 when Negan takes a group out to take care of the walkers on his yard drawn by Rick, why didn't Dwight just friendly fire his ass right there? One little slip up with Dwight's aiming and he "accidentally" hits Negan's knee and he's walker food. And then in #123 Not sure if it was just Dwight and Negan but why didn't Dwight just kill Negan there or "choke" and "accidentally" miss his shot at Rick. Other than that great work

Owen,
New Egypt, NJ

This is the same argument Eugene made several issues ago... that Dwight is too concerned with playing both sides, instead of nutting up and taking Negan out. But we'll have definitive answers on what Dwight's angle is soon enough.

Indeed. It's entirely possible he wasn't sure what the outcome of this war would be... and so he's hedging his bets.

To he who cannot admit fault,

First, way to kill off the main character and draw of your story. I guess all the hype has really made you arrogant. Do you really think everyone is going to be okay with you killing Rick? I will not be reading anymore. Rick is The Walking Dead. Ive bought and enjoyed the entire run up to this point but now I wish I had not spent all that damn money on your bullshit. Its about 300.00 of my hard earned dollars I wasted on you. I wonder what could make you think killing Rick in favor of Negan would work. I guess you're a proponent of bullying as Negan is a bully. Well hey its your book that you apparently think can do no wrong so enjoy less and less people reading.

I find the tone of your email rather bullying, and you definitely resort to name calling by the end... which is not nice. Also, let's not conflate how "everyone" feels about

this turn of events with how you're feeling. But hey! We're hoping that if you are still in fact reading TWD, this issue is some medicine to make you feel less ornery.

I just want to pop in and state for the record that if you have purchased every issue of TWD and feel your money has been wasted, I will GLADLY buy the entire run at cover price. Seriously. I've only got about ten copies of issue one left, I need to restock.

As for the grenades; they DO NOT cause houses to catch fire or cause the destruction depicted in your book. Now you can say Im wrong but I served 6 years in the military. Most of it with a USMC infantry platoon. We threw ALOT of grenades and none ever caused the raging inferno you say they cause. This includes throwing them in houses. All that happens is a rather loud report and alot of dust and debris thrown up. They are a fragmentation weapon, meaning they cause injury or death from flying metal fragments, not an incendiary weapon that causes fires. You can deny being wrong in the face of the truth and honestly that would be right up your alley. Congrats on forcing readers away.

But wait wait wait... what if someone JUST farted in the house? Wouldn't THAT cause an explosion of that caliber? It would, right? Grenades + Farts = Explosions. Hilarity ensues.

Be nice, Sean.

We don't talk about farts half as much as I'd like. Sorry.

As an aside your comments about Marvel also played a role in my discontinued reading. You make vague comments about them ruining the industry but dont specify how. I wonder if you tell Rick Remender, John Hickman, or Matt Fraction about how working for such an evil company is detrimental to the future of comic books or if you just prefer to bash Marvel in public? I'm sure those three would disagree as they seem to be able to balance work for pay (Marvel) and creator owned stuff. Its no ones fault but your own that you last run there was some of the worst stuff ever published. Really fuck you fat ass enjoy what ever remains of your 15 minutes. It wont be long if the direction your taking the book is any indication.

Adam Hurst

This really is a top notch letter, Adam. Thanks for writing in, and I do hope that once you see that Rick is actually alive and not dead... you considering picking the series back up.

Sorry about the grenade thing. I could blame the whole thing on operational gas lines that are in working order in Alexandria but at the end of the day, I honestly just said "grenades" in the script and Charlie just chose to draw the grenades he was most familiar with. I should have taken the time to research the specific grenade that did what I wanted them to do and made sure Charlie drew that one. That's my fault. I screwed that up. Sorry about that. I'll definitely try harder next time.

When writers do things like this, it honestly isn't a matter of being lazy or rushed (well, maybe in some cases it is), it can sometimes be as simple as thinking you know how something works, and just being wrong. I honestly just had a mistaken sense of what general "grenades" do. They don't... create fiery explosions? Damn. What the hell was I thinking?

I'm not the smartest guy in the world. I'm average at best. And fat, you got that part right, too. I'm really a mess. But I do research things all the time, especially when I'm writing about something I knew very little about. For some reason, I was a little more confident than I should have been.

Oh, Marvel. Yeah... as a joke recently I said, "I have no issue with Marvel, aside from the fact that I feel they're

a poorly run company that is destroying this industry with its short-sighted policies.” I’m paraphrasing... I don’t do research for letters columns.

To clarify, for the record, and for fun, what I was talking about are the many things they do that are good for “now” but don’t lead to long-term sales, or building a readership. Chief among these policies are the semi-recent price hike to \$3.99 on the majority of their titles. Since that happened, sales on Marvel titles are consistently down. People buying less of any comic is not good for comics... and it’s short-sighted.

They’re now relaunching their titles over and over again to diminishing returns... and yeah, as an industry insider, I see their policies as destructive to their future and the future of the industry as a whole.

Thankfully Image Comics is growing at an extremely rapid rate and seems to be picking up their slack. In that respect, I say please continue, Marvel.

All that said, I really enjoy HAWKEYE and some of their other books. They still have cool characters. I’m rooting for them. If I’m critical, it’s just because I care.

What were we talking about again?

There’s one reason why by the time this letter has an opportunity to be published we will know Rick is totally okay - you don’t follow some guy around for 10 years just to have him killed by some “mucked up” arrow, er, I mean bolt.

Nicely done, Kirkman.
Sean

I admire your coolheadedness in the face of such severe comic book-related distress. Nicely done, Sean.

Letter Hacks,

I’m not convinced that Dwight showed his true colours at the end of #123. I think he’ll do a Vader and - with his last ounce of strength - end up throwing Negan down a big hole on a viewing platform in a now fully operational Death Star, before succumbing to some previously-inflicted Lucille injuries.

I like Dwight. Up to this point he’s been a bit of a closed book, and those characters that make us second guess their motivations (as I’m still doing now) are the most interesting to read.

Absolutely. And while we’re talking about Dwight, he’s also getting an action figure this June—along with a new version of Rick, Andrea and a Punk Rock Zombie. And they seriously all look amazing.

And characters who are just plain badass. Like Jesus. He’s a badass. Remember when he caught that grenade and threw it back at the guy who’d thrown it first...? He’d take Daryl Dixon down in a fight any day!

Oh, no question.

Looking forward to seeing Jesus pull the bolt out of Rick’s back and throw it threw some guys eye next issue.

John Turner
Liverpool, UK

Where was this letter a few months ago when I was writing this comic! Missed opportunity!

Hi all love reading TWD

Just a thought, if a pregnant character had a still born baby inside her would it turn into a gross undead thing trying to get out? would it have to be c sectioned out and killed? Reminds of the baby scene in the dawn of the dead remake which was nowhere near as good as the original.

Keep up the good work

Jon.c,
Cardiff, United Kingdom

Theoretically, if an unborn baby died, since everyone is already infected, it would turn into a zombie. But the depends on whatever it is we’re infected with being able to get to the baby. Is it passed through the mother? Or would the womb protect it? Without revealing exactly what it is that caused the zombie plague... that’s a tough one to answer.

Was wondering if you got ricks last name (grimes) from night of the living dead? The doctor the news announcer speaks to on tv his last name is grimes. I was just wondering. Its my favorite romero dead fick. Keep the dead coming. Love the comic.

Greg

GRIMES was actually taken from a friend of mine in grade school. First grade, actually. I always thought it was a cool last name.

I was kind of always hoping you’d taken it from Frank Grimes.

Hello all,

I just want to say, you nearly made me go in tears in issue 123. No, not because Rick was shot with a “infected” arrow, but that once again, another Asian dies.

Kirkman, do you have a problem against Asians?

Well, DO YA?!?!?! First Glenn, then Kal... who’s NEXT?!?! Maggie’s unborn child???? Some other Asian we will see in the upcoming A NEW BEGINNING story arc? Huh?! But in the end, don’t kill off Shiva... *COUGH COUGH* Issue 118 *COUGH COUGH* (Nah, just kidding.)

Please, keep writing and making TWD with your friends Charlie, Sean, Rus, Cliff, and new ink team bro, STEFANO!!

Andy Gasal
Montpelier, Vermont

I’ve killed significantly more white characters than any other race. I hear you, though. It’s important to me that this book represents a realistic cross-section of people. I’m always trying to work in more minority characters.

Calling All Walkers, aka Kirkman and friends,

As I was growing up I thought only nerds read comic books... Guess what I’m 25 and I read The Walking Dead and a few others comic books and just as a word of happiness, when I found out now Jesus is gay along with Aaron and the late Eric, I am glad the diversity reaches towards everyone, gay and straight. And I also shows that gay love is real love, as a gay man to see this written in now even comic books makes me proud thank you!

About issue 127s cover that you posted online, everyone sees it as either Lily Caul or one of Negan’s wives, maybe even Dwight’s... I’m curious if you can quite possibly answer me this, is there a possible separation? Like could The Walking Dead be starting fresh and we are going to have a new secession of survivors, having Carl and Ricks story coming to an end?

All good questions to ask.

No comment. Read 127.

Every great story needs an end, you see, Breaking Bad did, and it needed to. I want TWD to end with a bang! And on a high note, but not to just do away with the story but other survivors taking the lead! Because where are they even going to get the story lines from in this new spin off, which AMC already announced they are starting?

For the TV spinoff, I’m coming up with that stuff. It’s unrelated to the comics. What’s happening in issue 127 is in no way connected to the spin-off TV show.

I’m a big fan! Keep up the writing, because I always need something to keep me questioning, or life would be boring!

Sincerely Cameron Allen
Brooklyn, NY

Thanks for writing!

Just wondering if after all out war is over...will the covers go back to normal? i love the traditional covers, and not too big of a fan of the all out war covers. love all things walking dead! thanks.

sincerely,
a true dead head
ramiro perez, salida, ca

By the time you read this issue, at least two post-AOW covers will have been released and you’ll see that, yes, the covers are going back to the way they were. As for the story inside? Well, there’s no going back on what happens there...

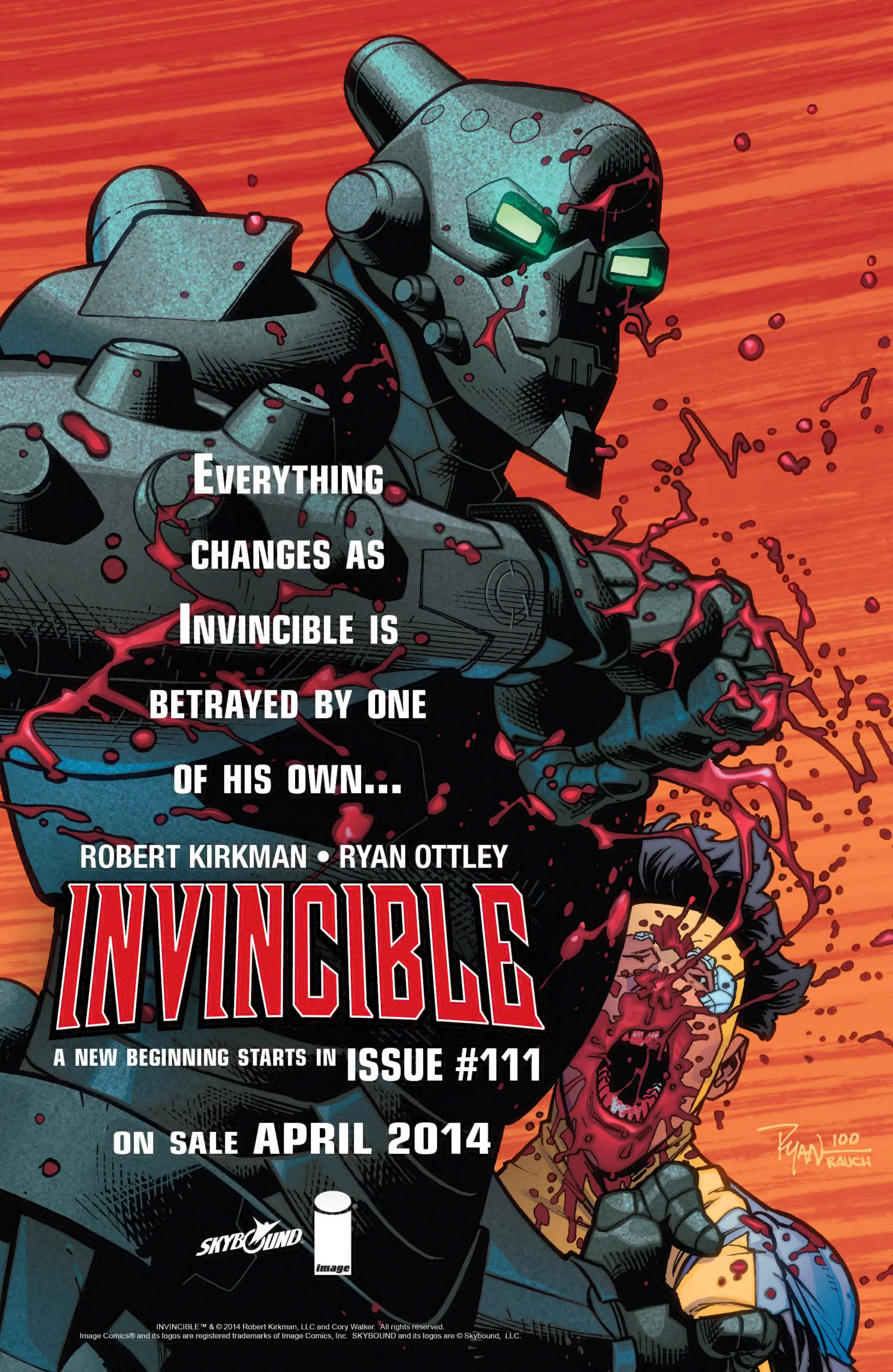
Oh, nice tease, Sean. Bravo.

In two weeks we deliver the grand finale. After 22 pages, nothing will be the same. Talk then!

-Sean Mackiewicz

Ooooooh... I’m excited!! See you then, readers!

-Robert Kirkman



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